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Sprinkle! rain! shower! right down the 18th. on Millie Warner's tasteful little hat and OFFICE 1 DOOR EAST OF MUSIC HALL. graceful shoulders, unprotected save by a thin shawl, notwithstanding the beseecheyes that ever looked up to a cloud in ashy pale as he read.

OUT IN THE RAIN.

that way. ed. A dark-eyed girl of ten or eleven years opened the door. Millie explained fainy about this matter. child bade her welcome.

I was just beginning to get dinner; I have braced this honse and have opened it for boarders or traceson travel, and solicit a share of the public patronage. says I do nicely. I like to have every. erty. thing ready for him when he comes in FACTORI POINT, YERMONT, -I wish I could-tor Ben likes them ever replied Mr. Johns. so much; but Martha, who comes in to make bread for us, says she will teach me,

> Millie saiddry, so I will help you get dinner. If can pay this debt, I expect. Vt. you like I will make some biscuit, and

Time long escabilshed and favorably known time. Hetty was deligated. Ben would be HENEY GRAY. Millie was young and frank, and gay;

> and she and the children soon became very well acquainted over the biscuit.

When father and mother were alive, we used to have a good many things for dinner, and Martha, our bired girl, used to get them all; but when they died, and the said Waterproof for thosing cheath us. Squire Johns said he bought a mortgage for Favorite with suiders, so cts. to \$2.00 per square. Design cheaters or Emiders wanted assigns every cent the day it was due, or lose er the back cover of Vermont Directory for everything, we had to do without a good many things; and we are very poor now, and Ben is afraid we can't have enough to pay it, and they all say we may took General Agents and Manufecturers Church Wood for no mercy from 'Squire Johns, for he is very hard to the poor, and he has always wanted our farm, because it joins some of his own land where he wants to

Millie had listened to this with a curi. ous mixture of feeling, for 'Squire Johns A new and extensive stock of goods in the line of she had not yet accepted him, she had next day found him at the Sanford's Moreover, he was to receive her final 10 kinds of Cap and Note Paper. Various tints answer in three days from that time, and Johns. she was not sure the answer reserved and laid away for that time was no. She not better, than any one, and his love his visitor. must certainly be disinterested, for he How dare he come? I warrant though, Would inform their old patrons and the public generally that they still continue the an herress in a small way. She was sole us he was the last time I saw him. Humlaberitor of a small, unincumbered farm bie enough this morning. 1 will hold from her father, and five hundred in bank out hopes of mercy until he grovels and at the old stand, and propose to make it for the interest of persons who need goods in our line stock. But the farm was two hundred begs my pardon—grovels low as he laid miles south of this town, where she was me, and then I it be revenged. To-morand during her visit she had helped her other property, and the possession of Porsons sending skins to sell or tan will take (vest care in skinning.

###Cut skins are not worth tauning.

> She could judge better about the truth Who was Ben? Two or three inquiries the money, he said, ironically. had amounted to nothing. The children That's my errand, said Ben, coolly. spoke just as, if everybody must know | 'squire Johns started back, thunderwho Ben was. Was he an uncle, cousin, struck.

hired man or what? CREATLINDUCEMENTS. Young Ben Hazell, out in the field, raised the money? pitched up the last hay on the load, I do; and I have brought Mr. Foster leaned his pitchfork against a tree, and to prove that it is all right. took off his straw hat to cool his moist Livid and trembing with passion,

as he saw through the window some one compromising No!

graceful figure. water heard in the next room by Hetty. on, Ben has come, running hastily forward and opening the door, she said prettily, My brother Ben. Then to him: This lady got caught in the shower, Ben, and is staying until it clears up. She has

whispered to Ben, 'Squire Johns.

open door. Ben went in to his visitor, said: closing the door after him, but every word was distinctly heard by Millie; for tone she was accustomed to hear him, but I trust your honor will attribute the ofloud and peremeterially.

I am in haste, young man; I just ment of the science. stopped to say that the time for the payment of the money due me being the day after to-morrow, if it is not ready I shall be obliged to resort to more severe meas-

Stationary, Blank Books, Confection- ures. very much mistaken. It is not due till than usual. Yes, she answered thought- ness. the 28th; it is now but the 18th. At that fully, all of them imported fruits is time I hope, with some money coming chesper than they used to was. in, to be able to pay it.

You are laboring under a singular A lively crop-Hops.

mistake, young man. Here is your mortgage-you can see for yourself that it is

Let me see it. ing glance of the prettiest pair of heze; ed bimself with a great effort. He grew their discussion of the sermon and the some difficulty at first in breathing. My der, then, that we have hard times when

said angrily.

knock. It will be ready by the time Ben lawver who made out the mortgage at one good strong lemonade as directed, stance, I was informed was oplum. I comes; but that will not be for an hour. the fime, and I know that you have been when Charlie quietly slipped out and had always supposed, previous to that I can't get a very good dinner; but Ben for years itching to get hold of this prop- remarked: I say, Ben, put the juice of time, that the narcotic used for smoking

That is impossible, you know.

Then you know the consequences.

we will have dinner ready in a very short ready by day after to-morrow, or I take with the taste of that lemonade in his It may be interesting to know the amount possession.

so glad. Might she look on and learn some time afterwards. When he did, each other that it was just right! so pal- or accommodate his siests to the contents Millie, business-like and straightforward atable and so refreshing! little girl that she was, began-

Mr. Hazeli, I want to talk with you a few minutes. There would be no use in The dinner seemed very meagre to lit- in pretending that I haven't heard what for I have heard every word. I think I know of some one who can help you; but

first may I ask you a few questions? Ben at first looked displeased and haughty; but her kind straightforward manuer disarmed him, and he bowed as-

What is the amount of this mort-Two thousand dollars and interest.

What is the total value of the farm? My father valued it at ten thousand dollars. Are there other mortgages?

None.

Very well: I am quite positive I know some one who can loan you the money. I am Millie Warner. Call on me to-morrow at my consin's, Mr. Sanford's. *

Ben's dreams were mixed up that night was a deciared lover of hers; and though with mortgages and hazel eyes. The been pleased with his attentions, and had where he was received by Millie her-

The next morning he called on 'Squire

He is at breakfast, the servant said. An angry light shone in 'Squire Johns' certainly liked 'Squire Johns as well, it cold gray eye, when he heard who was

could not know that Millie Warner was the chap isn't quite so high and mighty visiting a cousin, and nobody knew of it; row this spiendid farm, added to my cousin in her work, as she had always Millie Wasner's hand and tortune, will 341,210; beiped her mother when she was at home make me a rich and happy man indeed, -capable, industrious little girl that she I will tantalize him to his heart's con-

tent. You are early this morning, young of the story when she had seen Ben .- man, I conclude you have come to pay

Do you mean to say that you have

'Squire Johns was compelled to yield the The hay is all gone in, he said, with a mortgage, and execute the usual release. long breath of relief. I could not afford | There was no trace of the violent pasto lose one load now; I don't know that sion to which the 'Squire gave free li-I can do it, but if I can sell part of the cense, when, the next evening he drove land, I may. It will be hard though. up to Sanford's. There was a queer little The young man followed the cart into smile on Millie Warner's face as she saw the barn. The storm was at its height nim through the closed blinds; and he when he went towards the house from could hardly believe he heard aright, the back way. He stopped in surprise, when to his suit she gave a prompt, au-

was standing at the table, with arms bare | The 'squire uttered curses low and benefit for past ratronage, we hope to marit continuous of the same by doing good wors to the clow, mixing flour. It must be deep; and rode a long distance out of Mariba. No; those fair white arms are his way, six months after, to avoid the not Martha's, neither hers the slender, wedding party-Ben Hazell and Millie his wife-just returning from church, By and by there was a spattering of which he came very near blundering up-

AN EFFICACIOUS REMEDY.

A loafer in Rochester, N. Y., who was donate this \$10. Point have used it constantly for the past two years and all rec mmend it as the best thing of the shird they have ever used, and that it and has made some splendid biscuit. was suddenly taken with spasmodic con- the rest said: He had hardly made her welcome, with vulsions. A doctor who was quickly a return of his self-possession, when there sent for, suspected him of playing poswas a loud rap on the street door. Hetty sum, quieted the spasms by the applicawent to the door, came back pale, and tion of his riding whip, whereupon the ungrateful ruffien sned him for assault yours, continued the wretch. Mille drew quickly back from the half and battery. In his defence, the doctor

It was the first time that I ever pre-'Squire Johns did not speak in the snave strictly within the school of pharmacy, the society! said Johnson. fence to a desire to promote the advance-

The doctor was adjudged to pay a fine

RENARKABLE SELP-SACRIFIC.

This is a true story. The happy circumstances occurred on one Sunday ment, the like of which I had never sum are idle. A much less sum consum-The figures danced upon the page. He evening. He excerted her to and from dresmed of seeing. The atmosphere was ed at the Chicago fire was felt through pressed his hands over his eyes, and calm- church, and upon arriving at her home heavy with smoke, and I experienced every State in the Union. It is no wonextreme heat suggested an invitation, head swam; my eves seemed to dilate, so large an amount of what is the same It reads so, certainly, but I can't un-readily accepted by Charles, that they and I came near falling. The old wretch as money is constantly abstracted from When Millie came to a large, white ders and it. He went to the deak. Here step into the house and partake of a cool- of a heathen who had been eyeing me the great pile of national prosperity. farm bouse, she very gladly, and rather is a memoranda my father made of the ing glass of lemonade. She led him to closely ever since my entrance into his hastily-for just then there was a heavy circumstances, and it is the 28th; and be the dining-room, and there found naughty den, was now grinning from ear to ear peal of thunder-opened the gate, and was a very sure methodical man, not brother Ren about to squeeze the last evidently enjoying my distress bugely .entered without ceremony. There was likely to make a mistake. I believe—a lemon in the bouse for his own individu- However, in a few moments I became no one there, but she heard a childish sudden suspicion coming into his mind, al benefit! Calling him saide, she invoice in the next room, and again knock. as he detected a lurking triumph in the duced Ben, by means of sundry threats phere of the room to look about me and 'Squire's eye-I believe there's some vil- and promises, to dissect that Jemon and take in the situation. Along the entire make Charlie and herself a glass. A self room close up against the wall on either why she was there. With the case and Be careful what you say, young man, sacrificing thought struck her! No, Ben side was a long series of tables, each good manners of one much older, the as you may get yourself into trouble, he said she, put the juice of the whole lemon supplied with a mat, a cushion, a lamp into Charlie's glass, and bring me a glass a long, slender looking tube, and a little Yes, sir, I believe that you are a base of water. He won't notice it-there is pot of amber-colored liquid of about the that was the reason I didn't hear you villain! I remember that you are the no light in the larlor! Ben was making consistency of paste. The pasty subthe entire lemon in your sister's glass purposes was dry, and like finecut smok-In the meantime you had better have and bring me a glass of ice-water-there ing tobacco. The liquid drug is put into tired and hungry. I can't make biscuit, the money ready, coolly and insultingly is no light in the parlor, and she won't a little hole in the slender tube stready notice it! Ben's forte is in obeying or- mentioned, and set on fire. It burns out ders. With a merry twinkle is his eye soon, like sealing wax, and must be relit he drank the lemonade, then carried them | every time a whiff is taken. The young man strove to repress his each a glass of water, which they drank | The opium haunts of San Francisco are Now I have got nicely warmed and passion. 'Squire Johns, by the 28th I with much apparent relish, asking each not patronized by Chinese only, but by other between sips if it was sweet American men and women. The latter That will do you no good. It must be enough! And naughty brother Ben, however, are generally low characters,mouth, stood out in the ball and laughed of coin necessary for an indulgence in

A MAN OF BUSINESS.

tle Hetty. The poor child said, spologet. you and Squire Johns have been saying, to the stamp window on the castern side produced is to drive away all care and ed the clerk : Do you keep stamps here?

Yes, sir. What kind do you keep? All kinds of stamps, sir. stamps?

Yes, sir. Twenty-cent? Yes, sir. Eight-cent Yes, sir.

Sixes, fives and threes? Yes, sir. large quantities?

clerk, biuntly, as he saw the clouds grocer greased it, carried it up with the gathering on the faces of the waiting crock, and pointing to it quietly remarkcrowd without.

thousand dollars' worth of stamps you gross weight as well as the jar. Not a cent, sir.

long panse, I suppose you are right; but replied: I wanted to know. You may gimme a Piease kiver a piece of paper over the two-cent stamp.

And he stood at the window and lick- who knows me. ed it, and put it on, and pounded it, and The grocer finally explained his fleadrubbed it to make sure that it would ish plot, and the butter seller's face unstick. And then he coolly turned to the derwent a sudden change. Reaching wrathful faces of the impatient men be- over the sugar barrels to shake hands, be bind him and remarked:

ere men who would-

There was a yell and a rush, and that business gentleman was made a carpet of by the unfeeling mob.

A MEAN ADVANTAGE.

There were a score or more of women shouted in his ear. Dave is very fond gathered together at Mr. Johnson's house. of hunting, and often takes his gun and Mr. Johnson is a good hearted man and scouts about the mountains in search of have to put me through the lemon respectable citizen, though he is rather grouse, quall and other game. skeptical about some things. The women had just organized The Foreign at Cisco for a day or two last spring, tells Benevolent Society, when Mr. Johnson the following story about Griffin: entered the room. He was at once ap- He had been out bunting and was gopealed to, to donate a few dollars as a jug home with a grouse he had killed. foundation to work on, and Mrs. Graham As he came out of the wood and struck

It would be pleasant in after years for stranger who asked: you to remember that you gave this society its first dollar and its first kind word. He slowly opened his wallet, drew out | 1 got one of 'em. a ten dollar bill, and as the ladies smack-

ed their lips and clapped their hands he the stranger, I asked you how far it was Is this society organized to aid the

poor of foreign countries? Yes-yes! they chorused. Yes-ves!

Well, now, said Johnson, as he folded the bill in a tempting shape, there are There's a good many of 'em flyin' about twenty married women here. If there are fifteen of you that can make outh that you have combed your children's kair this morning, washed the dishes, blacked the cook stove and made the beds, I'll

Why now, Mr. Johnson!

one looking at the other.

Such a man, they whispered.

hand over the money! he went on.

AN OPPOSIT OFFICE AND PRANCISED.

Ben did not come into the room for till his sides ached, to hear them assure opinin debauch. A visitor can regulate cording to the quantity and quality of the drug consumed. Though I never myself experienced an opium sleep, I am A seedy-looking individual walked up informed by one who has, that the effect of the post office on Tuesday and accost- pain, and put the smoker into a calm, deep sleep, during which he or she dreams of splendor and delight inexpressible, rivaling the fairy tales of Boccaccio's Cecameron, or the Arabian Nights. But the awakening from an opium slumber is You do, eh. Do you keep ten-cent frightful. Its tortures cannot be pictur-

A GROCER'S TRICK.

The other day a Grand River Avenue butter of a farmer whom he had never dealt with before, and while down cellur But don't you make a discount on emptying the crock he thought of a trick to surprise the agriculturist. Finding a No, sir; not a cent! answered the stone weighing about eight pounds, the

Do you mean to say that if I bought a This of course, is to be taken from the several long seconds, and then in a voice Well, continued the stranger, after a so low that no one eise could hear, he

jar, for there's a man out by the door

said: Gentlemen, I am a man of long busi- I didn't hardly believe it, though my ness habits, and I never invest without wife came from a tricky family, and I satisfying myself in regard to stability of should have gone home and organized the article to be purchased. Now there mourning and lamentation in that farm bouse.

DAVE GRIFFIN'S GROUSE.

Dave Griffin, who keeps a boarding house at Emigrant Gap, on the Central Pacific Railroad, is very hard of hearing can hardly bear anything that is not

A Comstocker, who was snow bound

the ratiroad track be was overtaken by a

How far is it to Cisco? Yes, said Dave, holding up the grouse,

I don't think you understand me, said to Cisco.

make a very good stew. You must be a d-d fool, cried the stranger.

Certainly! certainly! said Dave .this year!

COST OF IDLENESS.

When all the people of the whole country are engaged in productive industry, I have, answered two of the crowd and either directly or indirectly, it must result in general prosperity, whether wages or profits are high or low. If If fifteen of you can make outh that wages are low capitalists are encouraged, your husbands are not wearing socks and enterprise and business are pushed with holes in the heels, this money is forward. If there is a disproportion between espital and labor, and the latter Just hear him! they exclaimed, each does not get enough, the evil soon regulates itself by more engaging as manag- did conform, nor would they succeed as If ten of you have boys without holes ers, and making labor more in demand. scribed such medicine, and although not in the knees of their pants, this X goes to It capitalists and managers make nothing they cease to hire, wages drop and many become idle. This is exactly the trouble If there are five pairs of stockings in now; too many persons are out of em- picked up a toothpick, and as he are this room that don't need darning, I'll playment. There are, in the United away at his moiars, he said to the States, at least twelve million working Must be hard-mustn't it-for a more to Mr. Johnson, said Mrs. Graham, with or producing people. The causes above be buried in a trance state? Yes'r, was dignity, the rules of this society declare mentioned have thrown about one-third the brief reply. That's all I'm straid of, that no money shall be contributed ex- out of employment, or reduced a continued the confidential dead-best. I'm best society of San Autonio, said the cept by members; and as you are not a larger number to an amount equivalent atraid I will be buried before I'm really Impossible! exclaimed the young man, other evening to a young lady, The foll- member, I beg that you will withdraw to one-third; or thrown out four millions dead. I guess not, answered the clerk; in a surprised and excited tone; you are age is much more exhaberant this year and let us proceed with the routine busi- producers. Each of these would earn, the law regulates that. The law? How? on an average, three hundred dollars a It prescribes how long the body shall year; some more and some leas, their bang before being cut down. The man Men have despised the body too much, food and clothing constituting a part, - softly laid the toothpick down on the but after all, when God made the body Multiply the four million persons by the counter and went over to look at the files three hundred dollars, and we have a of the daily papers.

foliars the same as actually sunk annu-We entered a large, well-lighted apart- ally, because those who could earn this

NED'S TROUTING.

Towards night the fire was replenished, and Ned was sent down to the shore for a fresh supply of water.

Hurry up ! cried Antoinette after him. And don't stop to fish!

This last remark was unfortunate. It aggested glowing possibilities to Ned He took the water pall, and his fishingrod also, and made his way to the shore. Half an hour passed, but Ned did not re-

I begin to feel anxious about him, said Mrs. James. Hadn't you better look him up, Jack? and Jack lazily sauntered towards the shore.

The sun was already sinking in the west, and Ned knew that sundown was the proverbial time for fishing. He had, also, that afternoon, noted a rocky point of land that jutted out into the lake, and which seemed to him just the place to cast a fly. He only wanted to get there. all by himself, and see what he could de-Cousin Jack is very well in his place, but a fellow den't like to be bossed, you know. Thus thinking it over Ned decidof his purse, from two bits upward, ac- ed to try his luck. If they don't hite I'll go right back with the water, he said; and if they bite lively I'll stop a few minutes, and surprise them with some trout

for supper. So, putting the water pail down on the rocks, Ned swung his line sharply in, and -yes, there was the tront-a little fellow nine or ten inches long-securely hooked.

The boy was costatic. Lacking a creel he slipped the fish into his coat pocket, and sprang farther out upon the rocks which formed a shallow basin in front of him, and beyond which he cast his files, Bite after bite followed in quick successsion; but they were only shiners, and Ned tossed them back into the water in disgust. Finally there was a sharp, grocer purchased a thirty pound crock of quick rise. A trout, this time, sure! Ned gave an exultant spring, but the wet stones proved treacherous. There was a sudden splash, and when the commotion subsided, our young friend might have been observed sitting in the shallow water, with a broken fishing-rod in his hand, and the end of his line securely booked to a snag just visible on the sur-

race of the lake. Ned didn't get up-he sat there. He was in a watery mood. His bamboo rod -his heart's dearest treasure-was proken short off at the second joint. There really didn't seem to be much in the world worth living for!

A hearty Haw! haw! disturbed the boy's reverie. Ned sprang up. To feel bad was one

thing; but to let Consin Jack see him feel bad was quite another story. Well, upon my word! What's this? a porpoise?

No, it wasn't a-purpose. I slipped! said Ned, shortly. But where's that pail of water, young

Most anywheres' round here, I should say. I find it handy enough; and with the streams trickling from every seam in his clothing, Ned scrambled back to the shore; while the yellow wooden pail. which had in some way been lannched during the accident, went bobbing up and down on the waves, across the lake Here's your water, said Ned, sa he come dripping up to the camp; but you'! squeezer to get it.

ORIGIN OF THE CHINESE QUELK

The history of the Chinese quene is tood by the Rev. Julius Doolittle, a mission ary in China, as follows: The first peror of the present dynasty, who be: to reign in 1644, having usurped and throne, determined to make the tons of Manchurla, his native country, the token of submission of the Chinese to his authority. He ordered them to shave and the head except the crown, and allowing the hair on that part to grow long, and or Yes, he's pretty fat, said Dave, he'il dress it according to the custom of Alchuris. The Chinese had been a tomed, under other native emperor wear long hair over the whole head. to arrange it in a luft or coil. The abwas gradual, but finally preval through the empire. At first, those was shaved their heads and conformed to the laws received, it is said, a present of a tael of silver, after a while only last a tael, and then only a tenth of a tael. and afterward only an egg-finally even an egg was not allowed. The law requiring the people to shave the head and maid the queue was not only rigidly externed by the penalty of immediate death, but it became very manifest that those who did not conform to the wister of the dominant dynasty would never be ome successful in a lawsuit against those who the literary examinations.

He longed up to the office o mater,